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Kilchu

1. On 3 August 1952 the air attack on Kilchu (N 40-58, E 129-20) (EA-2835), which was carried out by 23 Grumman fighter planes and 9 jet planes, left three targets in complete ruins. This was the first air attack on Kilchu. The results of the bombing were as follows:
 - a. The Kilchu Paper Factory at EA-265337, the only industrial plant in the city, was completely destroyed. Only a few scattered chimneys remained standing, and the machinery and equipment were destroyed beyond repair. The number of casualties at the factory was undetermined.
 - b. The Kilchu Railroad Station (N 40-57, E 129-19) (EA-274337) was levelled, the rail lines were knocked out, with only a few spurs leading into the area remaining intact, and the buildings were left in heaps of rubble. A few water pipes remained undestroyed. It was believed that no one was killed at the station. The station master of the area was away from the station at the time of the attack. All the other railroad workers had left the offices and dormitories at the station and fled to an air raid shelter near Killam-dong (N 40-58, E 129-20) (EA-2835).
 - c. The air-raid shelter to which the railroad workers had fled received a direct hit and was destroyed. There were 36 men in the shelter at the time.

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On 7 August the area was cordoned off by local police and five railroad workers were digging for the bodies of the dead. Twenty-three bodies had been recovered, including the bodies of the chief of the Kilchu Railroad Station, two locomotive engineers, three firemen, and members of the maintenance section and station employees. The chief had been a member of a Communist Party cell.

Hyesanjin

2. Hyesanjin (N 41-24, E 128-11) (DA-3283) suffered the following damage from the air strike which was carried out in mid-August 1952. Immediately after the bombing, approximately 500 people were mobilized to repair the locomotive shed.
 - a. The locomotive shed was partially destroyed. The time necessary to repair it was estimated at 3 months.
 - b. Two locomotives were damaged and an undetermined number were destroyed.
 - c. Four freight cars were destroyed.
 - d. The lumber plant was partially destroyed, but work was not seriously affected.
 - e. Eight persons were killed, twelve wounded, and twelve houses were destroyed.

Sunch'on

3. Some results of the United Nations air strike of 31 October 1952 on the Sunch'on (N 39-25, E 125-56) (YD-5267) area were as follows:
 - a. A Chinese Communist army warehouse was damaged.
 - b. Two buildings belonging to the Sunch'on Consumers Guild were completely destroyed.
 - c. A warehouse belonging to the Sunch'on County People's Committee was completely destroyed.
 - d. Four persons were killed and eighteen wounded.

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